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OLYMPIC PARK SOCCER SERVICE

By Alex Barr

During the 1968 State League season the Olympic Park clubs have provided patrons at the stadium with this humble publication, in their endeavours to furnish their supporters and fans in general with information of interest.

In addition to this you may have noticed Melbourne tram cars carrying large signs which prominently featured the word soccer. The aim of this was to make the general public aware that soccer is played Saturdays and Sundays in this city.

In addition there has been a paid soccer segment of five to six minutes on 3KZ's Sport Cavalcade with a round-up of ALL soccer matches and a Metropolitan League summary by Martyn Harris, and at the beginning of the season free fixtures, 15,000 in all, were issued, to enable supporters to maintain their own record of results.

Further, advertisements were placed in the "Northern Progress" newspaper which circulates in the Northern suburbs to the tune of 100,000 copies. The goodwill created by so doing inspired the publishers, Progress Printers to make available space for a soccer article, which also appears in the "Chadstone Progress" with circulation of 200,000.

Arrangements were made for certain people to receive a small fee to phone progress scores to Olympic Park, so you, the public, were kept up to date with the results of games at other venues, a service sadly lacking elsewhere.

Support for "The Record" was given by the Bank of New South Wales, Riverland Oranges, O'Brien Caterers, Sheehans Sweets and G. Ioannidis Pty. Ltd., whose assistance is greatly appreciated by Alexander, P.M.-Slavia, Croatia and George Cross.

For those clubs who wished to take advantage of the fact, space has been available to inform the public of various functions. For example, the Victorian Federation Ball was given a deal of prominence. There have been, from time to time, editorial comments drawing attention to matters concerning schoolboys, the public, overseas visits and other matters of interest.

The clubs now cannot bear the burden of production and distribution. However, a determined bid is being made to acquire sufficient advertising to continue "The Record' during the Dockery Cup series. Should we be successful it will be available next weekend both at Middle and Olympic Parks.

If we fail, we thank you for your interest during the season and wish your particular club luck in the battle for Victoria's premier trophy, the Dockerty Cup, which commences next weekend.

During the season most clubs have co-operated with us in providing accurate team selection. However, regrettably, some didn't. It seems that they were afraid that if their teams were pre-announced the opposition would use the knowledge to advantage.

This, of course, is poppycock. All we asked was that the player took the field wearing a number corresponding with that against the player's name in "The Record". Does it matter if number 11 plays in the centre forward berth, or number 4 is left back? We think not. The important thing is

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In Football **RIVERLAND** Time is ¾ Time
In Soccer **RIVERLAND** Time is ½ Time
For Children, Mothers and Fathers
RIVERLAND Time is any Time

SATURDAY

ALEXANDER	LIONS
1. ECONOMEDES	1. EVANS
2. XANTHOPOLOUS	2. KULYK
3. GLENNIE	3. RIELLY
4. KRIARIS	4. SCHWARTZ
5. BOUSOULAS	5. WALKER
6. FOKIANOS	6. VAN ZIEST
7. MANGOPOLOUS	7. STARZAK
8. MARGARITES	8. ROONEY
9. MINTZIAS	9. MURNEY
10. PAPACONSTANTINOU	10. WILSON
11. MILHILIDAS	11. SMART
12. BROWN	12. ALDIS
13. ANRDICOULAS	
Reserve goalkeeper: AZZOPARDI	Reserve Goalkeeper, CARMICHEL

OFFICIALS

Referee, Mr. LAMB. Linesmen, Messrs. KEELER and DUNBAR.

ALEXANDER ALERT — AXE AVOIDED

By Alex Barr

Alexander is aware that alertness at all times is a must in this vital encounter. One slip last round cost them two points, but this will not happen again. The last kick of the match could be the telling one and I predict the home side will play out the full 90 minutes and reap the reward.

One needs only to look at the League ladder to realise that Lions must be treated with respect, and with Walker in fine form in the pivot the Alexander 11 would be well advised to channel their attacks down the wings.

Rooney is a heady player for Lions and the home defence should keep a close guard on him. I feel if this is done the sting can be taken out of the visitors' attack.

Alexander not only need to win, but require goals galore, and despite their recent poor showing in this department I believe the team is capable of registering a comfortable victory, which, coupled with a loss by Footscray (and against Polonia this seems likely), would save the side from relegation.

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Bring this programme with you

SUNDAY

P.M.-SLAVIA	MELBOURNE
1. LOWRIE	1. GERRARD
2. JONES	2. McGOWAN
3. SJO	3. McDAID
4. REED	4. SEFTON
5. RANDLES	5. SCOTT
6. KRAUS	6. CLISS
7. REID or SAVAGE	7. MANDALIS
8. JURECKI	8. ABONYI
9. KERR	9. POCOCK
10. BUTLER	10. MYERS
11. GILDEA	11. FERNANDEZ
12. PAUL	12. GREGAL
Reserve Goalkeeper, BAROTAS	13. FOWLER
	Reserve Goalkeeper, MARRFY

OFFICIALS

Referee, Mr. STAFRACE. Linesmen, Messrs. CONTINI and RADULOVIC.

SLAVIA SAFE

By Alex Barr

Slavia is safe from the shadow of the relegation axe and there is nothing at stake except team morale, but with the Dockerty Cup in the offing this is vital. Therefore I expect the side to pull out all the stops and make every post a winner.

There is no doubt that last week Melbourne was dead-lucky to score in the dying seconds of the game against Alexander, and on the form shown then I doubt if the visitors can halt Slavia's forward line, which is showing signs of a return to potential form.

The decline of last year's Australian champions. Melbourne, is a mystery. From a polished side with drive and system to a very mediocre 11 defies explanation. Injury certainly took its toll early in the season, but this cannot be the root of the trouble.

"THE RECORD" SELECTS

Alexander to defeat Lions.

Croatia victory over Juventus.

Polonia to down Footscray.

P.M.-Slavia to win against Melbourne.

S.M.-Hellas to beat Hakoah.

George Cross success against Ringwood City.

For up-to-the-minute comment on weekend soccer tune in to 3KZ every Friday night at 9.30.

Sports Cavalcade, presented by Rod McLeod, will, from now on, include a soccer segment presented by Alex Barr.

THIS WEEKEND AT OTHER GROUNDS

Saturday

Juventus v. Croatia.

Polonia v. Footscray.

Sunday

S.M.-Hellas v. Hakoah.

Ringwood City v. George Cross.

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that the spectator can check his program and identify whoever may take his eye.

This we feel would increase the pleasure of watching the game, which of course should be the thing foremost in the minds of the clubs. But unfortunately, all too often they are concerned only with the cash at the turnstile.

To those clubs who did the right thing by the public we say "Thank you," and to those who didn't we say, "Wake up please, next season."

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STATE LEAGUE LADDER

	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Av.	Pts.
CROATIA	14	3	4	39	18	2.16	31
POLONIA	9	7	5	28	24	1.16	25
HAKOAH	9	6	6	30	23	1.30	24
S.M.-HELLAS	8	7	6	34	29	1.17	23
Lions	8	7	6	22	23	0.95	23
George Cross	8	5	7	36	27	1.33	22
Ringwood City	7	6	8	25	24	1.04	20
Juventus	5	9	7	27	37	0.73	19
Melbourne	6	6	9	24	33	0.72	18
P.M.-Slavia	6	5	10	28	30	0.93	17
Footscray	5	5	11	30	40	0.75	15
Alexander	5	5	11	27	42	0.64	15

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